



Department of Energy

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August 2, 2004

David Kipping, Chair
INEEL Citizens Advisory Board
c/o North Wind, Inc.
545 Shoup Avenue, Suite 200
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of the Public Comment Period for the CPP-603A Basin
Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EM-ER-04-166)

Dear Mr. Kipping:

The Department of Energy (DOE) will extend the public comment period for review of the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the CPP-603A Basin Non-Time Critical Removal Action, Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center* until September 24, 2004 to permit the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) to submit a consensus recommendation on the proposed action. DOE would appreciate the opportunity to conduct a conference call with the appropriate CAB committee to discuss issues and concerns before the September meeting.

DOE may request that its contractor begin planning for and take preliminary actions consistent with our preferred alternative during the extended public comment period. No actions will be taken that preempt the selection of an alternative until the DOE has reviewed and addressed all significant comments received during the extended comment period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen E. Hain
CERCLA Lead